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Dies In Fire



Marshal Feng Yuh-shiang, the "Christian General," who is reported to have perished in a fire on the Soviet ship Pobeda, which broke out between Batum and Moscow. Marshal Feng, who defied Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was expelled from the Kuomintang early this year.

"HAMLET" WINS AWARD

Rome, Sept. 5.—Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" won the International Grand Prize at Venice film show, it was announced today.

Jean Simmons who played Ophelia in Hamlet, was proclaimed by the jury the best actress and received another Prix International.

Prize for the best actor was awarded to Ernest Deutsch for his acting in the Austrian film "Der Prozess" (The Trial).

The International prize for the best director was awarded to George Wilhelm Pabst, Austrian producer, for the same picture.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

This Practice Must Stop

THE McDermott affair calls for the strongest possible protest. According to unchallenged court evidence, a European civilian by name of McDermott, was not only stopped in the street by an RAF patrol and requested to prove his identity, but when, as a civilian, he refused, he was badly beaten up. A worse example of authority being grossly exceeded could hardly be conceived, and it is time Services policemen had made clear to them the limits of their duties. The McDermott incident is the first known case where MPs have used strong-arm methods against innocent civilians, but it is by no means the first time non-servicemen have been accosted by military police, and demanded to prove their bona fides. In fact it has been brought to our attention that two British schoolboys of senior age went through this experience recently and had quite a difficult time convincing the overbearing MPs that they were not army deserters. What has to be made clear to MPs is that in the first place they have no right to challenge civilians; that here in Hongkong, civilians do not have to possess identity cards; and that a civilian is fully within his rights to refuse to answer questions put to him by any Government police officer. The authoritarian behaviour of the MPs in the McDermott affair was shameful and we are astonished that the magistrate who tried the case

offered no strictures. We are unaware of any statutory rights for MPs to accost and cross-examine civilians in the streets, and if by any chance the local authorities have tacitly conceded them this privilege, the public will demand that it be withdrawn at once. We should have thought the MPs had quite sufficient to do to look after their own without trespassing on the duties of the civil police who are given legal powers to apprehend civilian suspects. If MPs feel the public need protection from a recalcitrant person their duty starts and stops at calling a civil police officer. They are not entitled to flaunt the limited authority invested in them and to behave like the late Mr. Hummer's boy-friends. They are expected, of course, to render assistance to a civil police officer if called upon to do so, but they cannot, and must not be allowed to assume this authority. The fact that the challenging of McDermott in a Kowloon street is not an isolated incident indicates that the MPs have not been properly briefed either concerning their duties or the limits of their legal powers. This should be done without further delay, and in future, where it can be shown that an MP has exceeded his authority he should receive disciplinary punishment. It is insisted that the growing practice of MPs interfering with the accepted liberties of the civilian be stopped forthwith.

Four Americans Reported Missing In Soviet Zone

RUSSIANS PLEAD IGNORANCE

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Four Americans have been missing for more than 12 hours in Germany's Russian Zone, the U.S. Military Police announced early today. MP officials asked the Soviet authorities whether the Americans had been arrested.

The four missing persons left Berlin in two automobiles at noon yesterday, driving down the blockaded highway toward Western Germany. At latest reports, neither car had reached Helmstedt, where the highway crosses into the British Zone. Helmstedt is about two hours' drive from Berlin.

The first car was driven by a Mr. F. Erdos, according to the Military Police, and the second by a Mr. Sutton. There were two unnamed passengers in Mr. Sutton's car. All four apparently were civilians.

Russian officials said they had no information about the four, who appeared to have been misled into trying to drive into Eastern Germany by rumours that the Soviet blockade of Berlin had been lifted.

The first report of the four missing travellers came about 20 hours after six "joyriding" American soldiers arrested late Saturday night in the Russian sector of Berlin were surrendered to the United States authorities.

Meanwhile, four-power negotiations aimed at ending the blockade entered their seventh day after a day in which technical committees thrashed out details of the anticipated agreement. Informers predicted that the Berlin talks were "nearing an end."—United Press.

WHAT A VOICE
Anti-Communist city officials appealed again today for a voice in the present negotiations between Russia and the West.

Berlin's acting mayor, Ferdinand Friedensburg, and Ernst Reuter, elected mayor, who the Russians did not let take office, asked Germany's four occupiers to receive

German representatives before the talks on Germany are kicked back to Moscow.

The same request was made by city officials when the talks between the four Military Governors started last week.

British-licensed papers said that Friedensburg's appeal was handed to the Russian and Western Military Government Liaison officers.

The legally elected Government asked for a voice in their city's fate and the Communists warned through the Russian-licensed press that Berlin "workers" are still on the march.

This was regarded as a threat to anti-Communists who are reported to have recruited strong arm squads to repel the Communists' expected march on the City Hall tomorrow when the City Assembly will attempt to meet.—United Press.

They're Only Practising



These French troops are firing mortar bombs during a practice session in the vicinity of a proposed new airfield in the French sector of Berlin. Most of men are new recruits serving compulsory year with the French Army.—Acme Picture.

TRAINS STAND BY FOR BERLIN

Ready For End Of Soviet Blockade

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Two coal trains, with steam up, were standing by tonight at Helmstedt, the little British Zone frontier station on the main line to Berlin.

Railwaymen were all at their posts. They awaited the green light from the German capital, where negotiations to end the 11-weeks' Soviet blockade appeared on the verge of success.

Helmstedt railway officials confirmed late this evening, after a day of conflicting reports, that they expected the order for rail traffic to be resumed between Berlin and the Eastern Zone "at any time."

Bizonal railway headquarters in Frankfurt had earlier denied Handover reports that orders had actually been given to prepare for the opening of inter-zonal traffic "almost immediately, possibly today or tomorrow."

The Soviet-licensed Berlin paper, National Zeitung, said today however that the four Military Governors—who met yesterday for the fifth consecutive day—had "already" decided to reopen traffic lines to the West.

NO SUNDAY MEETING

The Military Governors had no meeting today, but a British spokesman in Berlin said that they would confer again tomorrow. The four-power transport committee met, but there were no sessions of the finance and trade committees.

The Governors' meeting, which was to have been held this afternoon, was postponed because these committees came to no definite decisions, according to well-informed circles quoted by DINA, the German news agency.

British and American aircraft on the Berlin airlift made 593 flights to the capital during the 24 hours ending at midnight yesterday.

Manover railway authorities said today that the Helmstedt officials had been ordered to take necessary steps to enable the resumption of inter-zonal traffic to be brought into effect almost immediately.

Berlin's City Assembly will meet in the City Hall in the Soviet sector tomorrow for the session that has been postponed almost daily for more than a week.

The last session was broken up by Communist demonstrators who stormed through the back door.

It was stated afterwards that the next session would not take place until Major General Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet Commandant, had given an assurance that the Assembly would be protected.—Reuter.

British Troops May Be Sent To Burma, Says Report

Singapore, Sept. 5.—A battalion of British troops may be sent to Rangoon to protect British nationals and interests if the situation in Burma deteriorates further, it was unofficially reported in Singapore today.

Plans for the evacuation of 2,200 Britons from Burma have already been completed. The cruiser London, the flagship of the British Pacific Fleet, which arrived in Singapore from Hongkong yesterday, was transferred here ahead of schedule "because of the trouble in Malaya and Burma," it was announced.

Reports reaching Singapore from Burma said that no less than four almost separate insurrections were under way there, and it was doubted if the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, would find sufficient popular support to regain control of the country.

Cameras Lose Speed Plane

Cleveland, Sept. 5.—A fully armed United States F-80 jet fighter, in which Major Richard Johnson was believed to have flown at 669 miles per hour failed to establish a new world record because the official timing cameras caught only three of the passes over the three-kilometre course, the Air Force Division announced tonight.

The record that Major Johnson tried to smash was 650.796 miles an hour set up a year ago by a United States Navy plane.

After the failure of Major Johnson had been announced an official explained that because of the downward passes the film could not be submitted to the International Aeronautical Federation for ratification.

The plane in today's unsuccessful bid was a North American F-80 jet fighter. The existing record was set up by Douglas Skystrak.

Two new British jet fighters, made by the Hawker firm, were stated this month to have speeds of "well over 600 miles an hour." They are the Hawker N7/40 and the C38/46.—Reuter.

Unionists To Form Labour Party

Singapore, Sept. 5.—Delegates representing 40,000 trade unionists in the Federation of Malaya decided today at a four-hour session in Kuala Lumpur that a Labour Party should be formed in Malaya.

No action, however, will be taken until after their December meeting.—Associated Press.

FIVE PWD EMPLOYEES RELEASED

Five of the eight PWD employees originally charged with larceny of electrical materials were set free by the magistrate, Mr. Wicks, at Kowloon Court this morning when the prosecution withdrew the charges against them.

The five are Leung King, assistant wireman, and Ngan Pui Tong, Chuen, Kam Wing and Lee Cho, electricians.

Date for commencement of the hearing against the remaining defendants was fixed for October 4. Insp. McPherson of the Special Branch indicated that the hearing was likely to last a week.

Two of the remaining defendants, Austin Spary and Arthur May, were remanded on bail, while the third man, Kwok Kong, was remanded in police custody.

FRENCH WORKERS TO RECEIVE BONUS

Paris, Sept. 5.—After its first meeting tonight, M. Robert Schuman's new French Government issued a communique confirming the payment of a 2,500 francs bonus to all wage earners, excluding the Civil Service, at an unspecified date this week.

The fact that the bonus was to be paid once only was taken by observers to indicate that the Government intended to tackle the problem of salaries without delay. The deci-

sion followed a demand by all French trade unions last week for a bonus of 3,000 francs retrospective from August 1 and payable each month until the wages question was settled by the Government.

The communique said that the new Council of Ministers, as its first task, had reviewed the nation's economic and financial situation. The Council will meet again tomorrow under President Auriol.

The Government was formed against a background of "pin-prick strikes"—stoppages varying from 15 minutes to 24 hours—all over the

Anti-Communist Karen tribesmen hold Moulmein, Burma's second port, and the rail town of Thonon, east of Rangoon.

Staunchly pro-British during the war, the Karens have been demanding a separate State since Burma gained her independence in January this year.

Their revolt overshadowed the Government's offensive on Prome, 200 miles northwest of Rangoon, held by letting insurgents.

THREE POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities in Burma, in view of the uprisings by Communists, Army deserters, dissident members of the People's Volunteer Organisation and the Karens were believed to be:

- 1.—A prolonged period of indecisive fighting leading to chaos and anarchy throughout the country.
- 2.—The formation of a compromise Government—in effect giving the Communists control of Burma.
- 3.—Conquest of the country by the Karens.

The pro-Government New Times of Burma said in Rangoon today that if the situation worsened, the country might have to consider seriously "a concentration of powers in one person—perhaps a constitutional dictatorship of the kind Mr. Churchill enjoyed in Britain during the war."

It added that the occupation by

Karen tribesmen of Moulmein had "sinister possibilities."

NO FIRE CRACKERS

On Malaya, the latest precaution against the Communists was a Singapore ban on the Chinese practice of firing crackers on the grounds that the noise could be used "as a cover for armed attacks."

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ONE outfit—with eight variations suitable for swimming, tennis, cycling, dancing, and bathing—is the attache case week-end wardrobe of today's Sportsgirl.

It is a six-piece set in tan and white, candy-striped and plain. The pieces are brassiere, bathing trunks, and calf-lengths slacks (or jeans) in tan wool; shorts in white pique; sweater and skirt in striped jersey material. The jersey has horizontal stripes, the skirt vertical ones.

Robb shows you five of the possible variations; the other three are:—skirt and brassiere for sun bathing; sweater and shorts for tennis; and the brassiere and jeans for beach games.

The outfit can be expensive or otherwise, depending on the material you choose. But the idea is to check the items you already have, and make or buy the missing pieces to match.

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Photographed in the sweater-jeans outfit worn by the girl with the bicycle. The girl with the bicycle wears the sweater and skirt as a dress. The two girls in bathing kit show the changes between brassiere and sweater. The girl in the pant wears the brassiere with the white pique shorts.

Bedroom Puts On New Look

By ELEANOR ROSS

THIS is the time of year when one starts to do something more than dream about a redecorating job on at least one room of the home. The bright rays of summer are less severe.

If it really is time for some new equipment or accessories, the bedroom is one of the easiest and most rewarding rooms to tackle. With headboard beds it is simple and fun to do over bedrooms. It's a clinch with "headboard" covers and bedspreads, with draperies or dressing table skirts to match, a not-too-difficult job for even the amateur seamstress.

A bedroom charmingly done with say duobonnet taffeta bedspread and draperies, and tufted headboard is a trifle heavy. A slipcover of striped green and white chintz edged with green and white striped boxpleats would tie in beautifully and bestow a fresh, light look on the room. Then keep lengths of the striped chintz could be draped across the windows in pleats to fall in folds over sheer white glass curtains for a really inviting, cool and lovely effect.

Softer Air

The same bedroom could be given a less sophisticated, softer air by using different materials. A headboard slipcover of quilted gray chambray and bedspreads of the same, with wide, double ruffles of clover-patterned material might supply just the right note of cool attractiveness. Quilted gray chambray valances and draperies of the clover patterned material would frame the windows beautifully.

There are a dozen different transformation schemes for any bedroom. Cotton fabrics are available in such a wide variety of colours and patterns, and at such sensible prices, that it's really no job to plan a change. And in no other room but the bedroom is it possible to make so complete a change of decor and appearance at such a modest outlay of time, effort and cash. For homemakers who find that open windows let in clouds of dust, most cotton materials are washable.

Headboard covers made with zippered or buttoned closings can be easily whisked off and laundered along with the draperies and bedspreads.

A Fine Way Of Relaxing

—SAYS VIRGINIA MAYO

THREE actors and amateur artists agree that if you want to relax, turn to art.

They are Ronald Reagan, Virginia Mayo and Eddie Bracken, the top players of "The Girl from Jones Beach," the new comedy of an artist and a school teacher. All of them feel there's no hobby which gives more satisfaction than art to the amateur.

"It doesn't make much difference whether you sketch or do water colours or oil painting," Reagan said. "It's your own creation, your own interpretation of a person or a scene."

"You get so wrapped up with what you're doing you forget your troubles. And it's easy to get started. There are several excellent books for beginners."

Few but his friends knew of Reagan's interest in art until he began work as the artist in "The Girl from Jones Beach."

Took Art Course

"I took an art course in school," he explained, "and I do considerable painting whenever I'm on location."

Miss Mayo majored in art in high school and learned the fundamentals. She frequently sketches scenes around her Van Nuys ranch home.

"I find it very relaxing," she said. Bracken took up oil painting a year and a half ago. He's perfectly frank about the reason.

"I'm a guy who likes to spend all the time possible at home with my family, and painting is something you can enjoy at home," he said with a big grin.

"I can forget everything—except the family—when I'm painting." If you want to forget all the world's troubles, Bracken suggested, go out and buy yourself a couple of brushes and some colours.

"Just sit down with a piece of paper and let yourself go," he said. "It's as good as going to the psychiatrist—and a lot cheaper."—Hollywood.

RED RYDER



Time-Grows Short



By Fred Harman

Subtle Beauty for the Eyes



Mascara and eye shadow, properly applied, bring out the natural beauty of your eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you consider eye make-up too artificial? But what about that vivid lipstick you are using, and the bright glow upon your finger sheaths? A little eye artifice, especially in the evening, when you are wearing your glad rags, the lights are on, and the music going, will impart a pleasing, mysterious effect. Of course, you must use the know-how. It is one form of make-up that requires delicacy of touch. Not only that, you must use the old hand.

The correct technique is, subtle, natural looking and flattering. Once you learn the trick, it is easy to apply mascara and shadows as to touch the rosy glow to your lips.

Use an eyelash pomade nightly to make the little winkers grow. After using powder, touch the lashes with mascara. Black can be used if one is a brunette, a dark brown is better for the blonde and the redhead. For evening you will find a combination of black and blue that is intriguing.

There is a brown-green that is flattering to the girl with copper-coloured hair.

On some mascara offerings you will find a sponge moistener that enables you to keep just the right amount of water on the brush for a perfect application.

Have you ever heard of the eye lash curler? A cute little gadget and it does the business. Slip the winkers over a rubber bow, adjust it as close to the eyelids as you can. Then you carefully squeeze the handles together several times to produce a natural looking tilt to the silky shafts. Fun to play with.

If you don't wish to use mascara—maybe your lashes are as black as the raven's wing and you don't need it—put a little bit of lash pomade on the rubber bows before curling. Loosen the grip slightly, draw the curler off along the lashes, distributing the pomade evenly from roots to tips. The valances of the soul window curtains will carry a lustre.

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch's Beautiful Garden

—It Had Some Strange Flowers in It—

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I was a boy," Mr Punch was telling Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, "I used to have the most beautiful garden. They weren't the usual kind of flowers, either. In fact, many of them were quite odd. No one else had ever heard of them."

Knarf and Hanid instantly asked Mr Punch to tell them about the odd flowers that he raised in his garden when he was a boy.

"Well," said Mr Punch as he lit his pipe and settled himself in his chair, "I raised blue bells that were quite odd. They used to go tinkle-tinkle all day long. They really were bells, you see."

"Oh," said Hanid. "Did you really have ringing blue bells, Mr Punch?"

Roared Like Lions

"Certainly, my dear. And I used to have dandelions that roared like lions. They sounded quite frightening, especially late at night. But, of course, they never harmed anyone. They just stood in one spot and roared at each other."

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other in amazement. There were times when it was hard to tell whether Mr Punch was telling the truth, or just telling a make-believe story.

Mr Punch smiled as he went on. "My mother never had to go to the store to buy butter. I gave her all the butter she needed right from my own buttercups. And on rainy days," Mr Punch said before Knarf or Hanid had a chance to interrupt, "we always had plenty of fine, bright sunshine from my sun-flowers."

"But Mr Punch, sunflowers don't give sun! They just keep looking at the sun!"



On rainy days there was sunshine in Mr. Punch's garden.

Mr Punch didn't seem to hear Hanid. "And I grew wonderful vegetables, too, my dears. You can't imagine what fine baked potatoes I used to grow."

"Baked potatoes, Mr Punch?" Knarf said. "But you can't grow potatoes already baked!"

Boiled Onions

"I did. And I grew boiled onions, and boiled peas, and ice-cold water-melon, and lettuce in little wooden salad bowls, and cucumbers in slices, and radishes with salt on them. Yes, it was a very odd garden. No one had ever grown those things before. And I suppose," he added a bit sadly, "no one ever will. Well, I thought I'd tell you about it."

And saying that, Mr Punch shut his eyes and took a nap. And though Knarf and Hanid both begged him to tell more about his wonderfully odd garden—and to find out whether he also grew apple dumplings, and peuced oranges, and cat-tails that meowed, and Black-eyed Susans that winked their eyes, and popples and also mommies... but Mr Punch just wouldn't answer. He stayed fast asleep.

KITCHENETTE

PEPPER RELISH

Pepper is not usually advisable for youngsters, but taken in a small quantity now and then is not harmful, and here, Jeanne Shawblosky, 15 years old, has a recipe for "pepper relish" which "I know is good because I helped my mother put up some and I like it."

- 4 cups green peppers.
- 4 cups red sweet peppers
- 4 cups onions
- 4 cups celery
- 1/4 cup salt
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups vinegar

Cover the peppers, onions and celery, all chopped fine, with boiling water. Drain after five minutes and add the rest of the ingredients. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes, put in jars and seal.

The recipe seems easy and Aunt Peggy would like to point out that smaller quantities can be put up if the ingredients are used in the same proportion. For instance, if you wish to make just half the recipe you would use only two cups of the ingredients which are called for in quantities of four cups; one-eighth of a cup of salt, and 1 1/2 cups each of sugar and vinegar.

Rupert & Ting-Ling—31



At length Rupert reaches Li-poo's house, and finds the mandarin fanning himself on a terrace. "Please come quickly," he shouts. "A huge dragon has found Ting-Ling and it may have gobbled him up by now!" Then he waits in anxiety, but to his amazement the old man hardly troubles to turn his head. "Did you say a dragon, little bear?" he murmurs. "Well, well. And why not?" Rupert stares in bewilderment. "These Chinese are the limit," he thinks. "Does nothing ever excite them?" ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FREIGHT PILE-UP—The wreckage of two sets of freight cars lie piled up on a river bank after a collision at Wellesville, Ohio. One of the train crew was slightly injured, and damage is estimated at U.S.\$100,000. A broken wheel on one of the cars is believed to have caused the accident, which derailed 30 cars and tore up several hundred feet of track.



TALL STORY—Ed Ecker, six-foot, seven-inch tackle for the Chicago Bears, sends half-back Allen Lawler, five feet, ten inches, up into the clouds so that the "Little Bear" can send a high pass. Might come in handy this autumn, but now it's only a gag while the team is training.



BABY SITTING, JERUSALEM STYLE—Jewish WIZO workers bring babies out for fresh air after the youngsters had been cooped up in cellars during a recent shelling of Jerusalem. Sandbags are filled with cow fodder; larger ones with Australian hay. Fodder and hay both came to this locale with cows from outlying districts. The picture was taken at the French convent during a lull in the fighting.



SMALL FRY—Not too familiar with the intricacies of the law, three-year-old Bruce Carlton tries to reason with a policeman at St Petersburg, Florida, after hauling in this undersized bass. The fish was somewhat short of legal length (one foot), but the officer "looked the other way" this time.



ALL SIZES—Weighing only three pounds at the ripe old age of 20 days, "Baby Boy" Fox, left, is a lot smaller than day-old "Big Boy" Rusky, weighing in at 11 pounds, 13 ounces, who outtents and outweighs the nursery in a Chicago hospital.



LEADS THE WAY—Leaving the Jewish Agency building after discussing the touchy subject of Jerusalem's demilitarisation, UN mediator Count Folke Bernadotte (centre), heads a procession of Jewish officials and UN observers.



NOT ALL WORK—Ellen James, Shirley Modell and Joyce Russa (left to right) are three pretty Miami products who help to keep the job interesting for construction workers building a new million-dollar night club on the site of the famed Copacabana, completely destroyed by fire last year.

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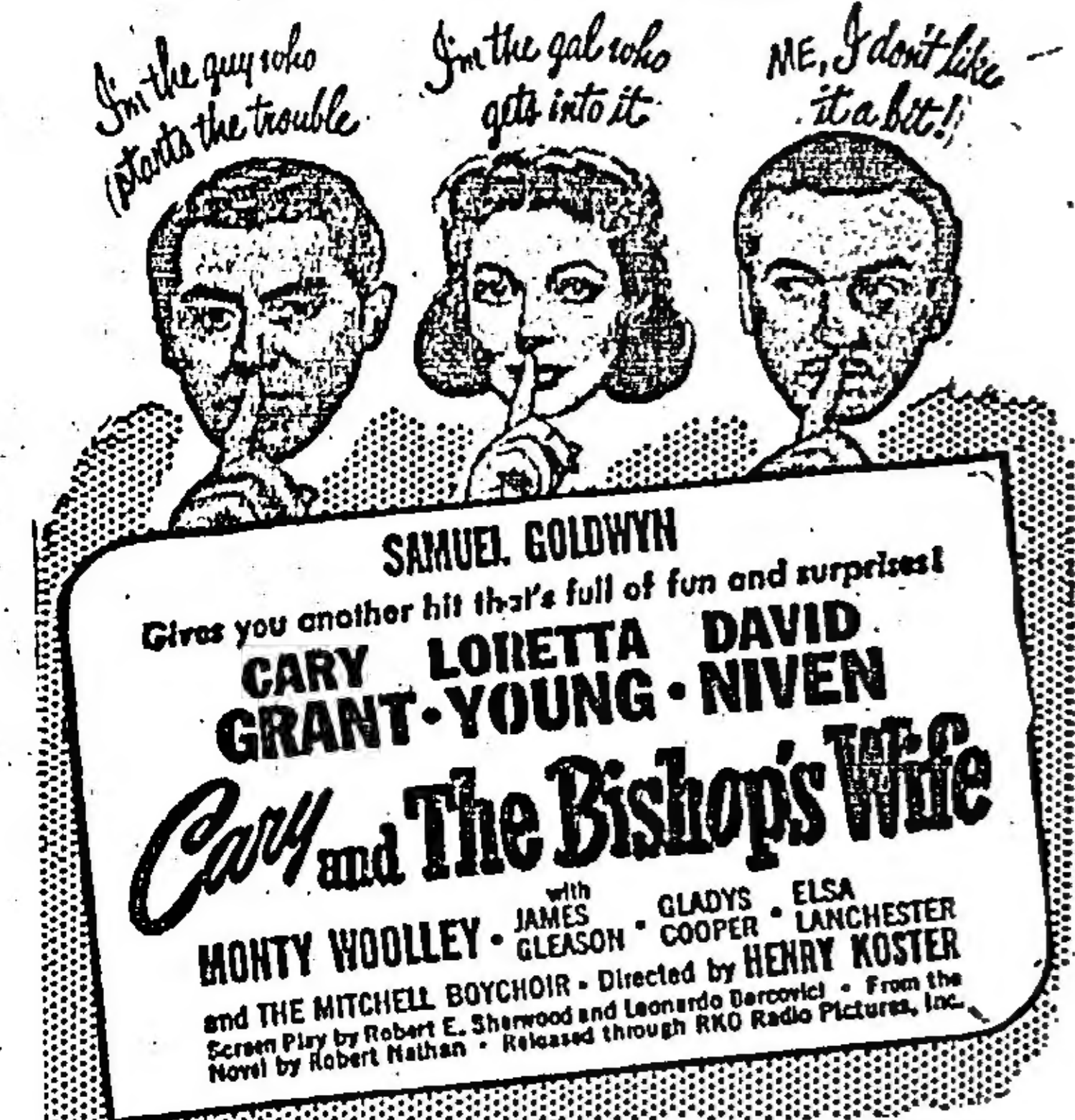
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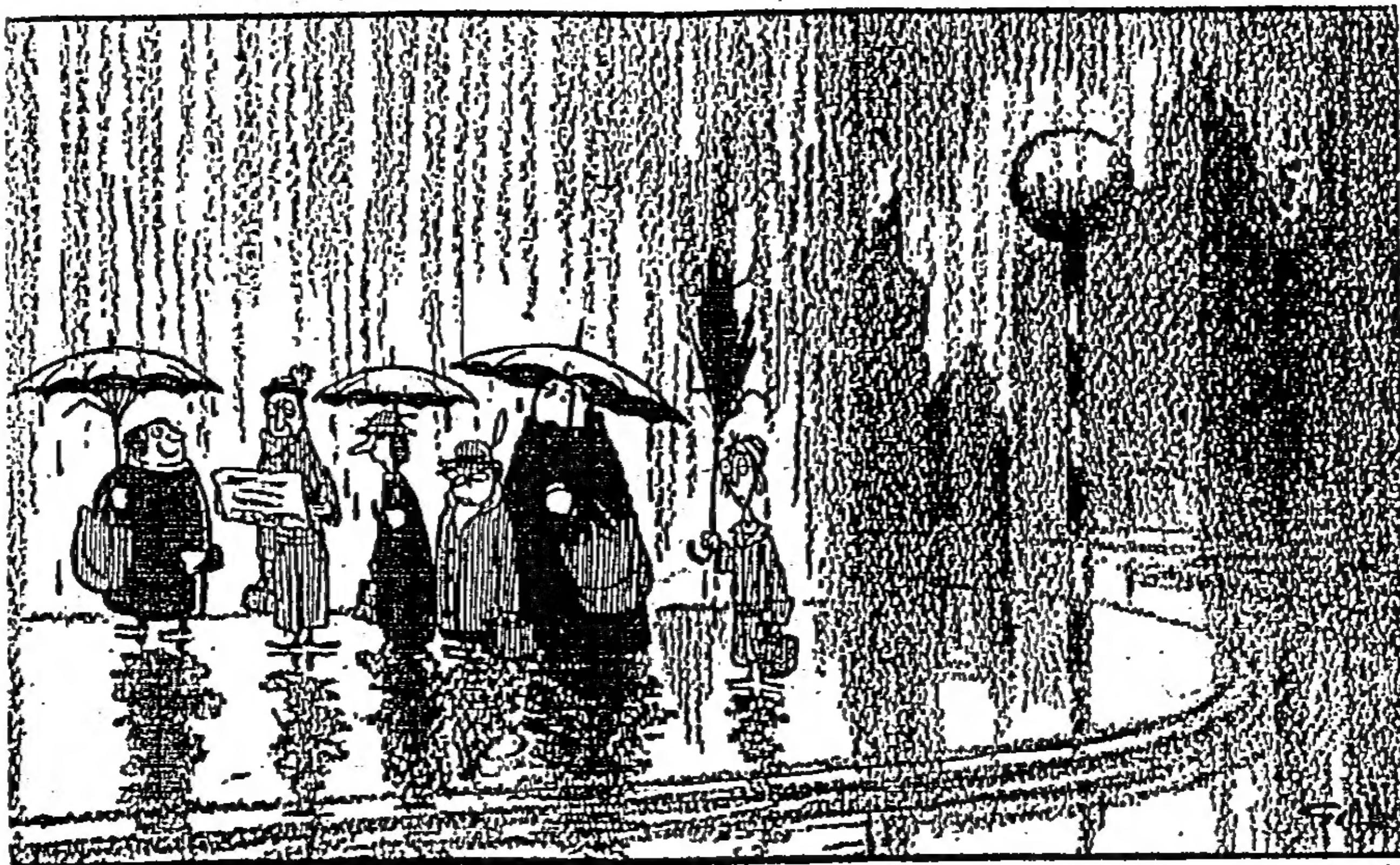
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THE FOREIGN NEWS (plus the English summer) HAS ITS EFFECT ON GILES



"Don't think I'm an alarmist, but once they start mucking about having 'frontier incidents' you can usually say to yourself, 'Lily, me girl, you've had it!'"

R. M. MacColl
pays a return
visit to the heart
of America's
wheat belt

SIDNEY, Nebraska. JUST two years ago I visited Farmer George Fleming in the heart of America's wheat belt to see how life was treating him and nature treating the harvest.

Thanks to the world food shortage, coupled with the vertiginous boom in America, life then was treating Farmer George with great solicitude.

How now? What is George Fleming—prototype of the men who this year have harvested yet another of America's fantastic bumper crops (official estimate 1,289 million bushels of wheat)—saying and thinking of his own life and of the dimly realised world beyond?

Farmer George and the thousands of other American Farmer Georges have still "got it good"—unbelievably good.

Farmer George has decided to leave the comfortable, but isolated, farmhouse where he and his wife have lived for most of their 25 years of married life. They are moving into the heart of Sidney itself.

They are building a new house—an unusual house, unique in Nebraska. For it is one of the newish Californian School of Architecture bungalows, deceptively simple, with outflung wings and lots of glass and a low-walled courtyard at the back.

The price? An estimated \$20,000. "But," says Farmer George, "with a deceptive simplicity matching that of his bungalow, I don't figure that's an extravagance. If I waited till times were bad, it would take two or three crops to be able to pay for the house. Now, with the good times, I can build it with one crop."

Extravagant? No!

SPECIAL stonemasons have been imported from Denver, 160 miles away, to chisel the red Colorado stone.

Seven bricklayers were brought in from Denver, too, as the local men were busy. They arrived in brand-new Cadillacs, and Farmer George has cheerfully been paying their board and lodging in Sidney while they work for him (at \$1 per hour per man). "No, I don't figure that's an extravagance either," he says. "Got

to have the men if I want to get the house built."

Coyote skins hang on the walls in the old house; a mute testimony to the changes of fortune possible in this strange, swirling America. For 15 years ago, during the great depression, Farmer George was forced to pad his meagre income by shooting coyotes to get a Government bounty on their skins. He smiles tolerantly at the thought today.

Farmer George is envied not only architecturally for his new house, but also technically for his new farm implements. He has succeeded in buying a brand-new Canadian super-combine, a giant 16-footer, one of the first to be sold south of the border.

He bought this for about \$1,250—"Last prices that is. Those Canadian fellows don't seem to fool with black market stuff"—and next day received an offer of \$1,800 for it.

Car premiums

HE has also got a new farm drophead coupe for his own use. Although new car premiums have dwindled elsewhere in America, here in the wheat belt they are still staggering.

"Well, we want the cars," says Farmer George. "Our mortgages are all paid up. We've bought plenty of Government bonds like they asked us to. We don't owe nobody nothing. The banks are bursting with our money."

"So when a fellow comes along and offers us fine-looking new cars for \$250 more than last price we pay it and no questions asked. Why not?"

Farmer George owns 2,400 acres of wheat. His harvest this year is 25,000 bushels, a drop compared with the last two years because of spring hailstorms.

But he has 10,000 bushels carried over from last year; and at just under 10s. a bushel current price that represents about \$4,500.

Farmer George, in short, is sitting pretty, or so it seems.

Prices up

ANY complaints? Oddly enough, yes. Wheat prices are down. Only last January wheat was fetching nearly 15s. a bushel. Farmer George has to pay his hired hands three times as much as before. And prices of all farm machinery have doubled.

There is undoubtedly a vague malaise about the future, an intangible feeling that it is all too good to last. But Farmer George is stouthearted and I do not think he is losing much sleep about it.

The Marshall plan? "The help we are giving them over there reverts back here in higher income tax for us, but nobody knows anything about the Marshall plan nor ever talks about it."

War? "Guess most everybody thinks there's likelihood of it and some are quite worried. Looks like we may have to turn to and lick them Russians before we're through."

"How will you vote for President in November?"

"Probably for Truman." (This is surprising, for Nebraska is a redoubtable Republican State. But since I last saw him Farmer George has been elected county commissioner on a Democratic "ticket".)

In the evening we drove back to town from the farm and dropped in at a local club. The barman told us that "Every Saturday night now I serve more drinks than last New Year's Eve. I'm plumb wore out."

Slot machines stood massed, although gambling is frowned on by the state. They were an elaborate new "three-way" slot machine big as a radio-gramophone. Its "jackpot" is \$18.

Three lucky gamblers hit the jackpot last week-end and a queue of others lining up with their silver dollars and half dollars to have a go was so long it interfered with the dancers in the next room.

But from this background of feverish and perhaps ephemeral boom of unspoken fear of another war, I am carrying back with me one piece of good and significant news.

Agricultural experts have long been alarmed about the deadly effects of American—and world—economy of soil erosion.

If man's abuse of the land is not curbed, America's fertility may pour into the sea or just blow away.

Crop rotation

BUT the news about soil erosion in Nebraska is encouraging. Ninety percent of Nebraska farmers are working systematically and voluntarily to conserve their precious soil. In the 11 wheat counties of Western Nebraska they have planted 50,000 trees as "windbreaks" in the past 18 months. And this re-afforestation will continue.

The light sandy soil must be bound to thicker earth with tree roots and sufficient moisture. And they have borrowed from Britain the age-old idea of crop rotation.

Until recently the earth was worked to exhaustion and then left to die and blow away.

Now most farmers practise careful rotation, and improved harvesting methods mean that, even with wheatfields lying fallow one year out of every two or three, they still can contrive these huge harvests.

Most Nebraska farmers, too, have given up the bad practice of putting a match to a field of stubble after the harvest. The stubble, instead, is carefully ploughed under as a form of self-fertiliser.

Other parts of America will have to follow suit if all the worst predictions are to be avoided. But with energy and good will this vast and last tragedy of the American land can be averted.

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWS MAP



I hope Moscow is a New Deal for diplomats

London, Aug. 23. ONLY now after three weeks of talks has the public been allowed a glimpse of what has been going on in Moscow.

Even this peep at the cards has been given only because the Russians decided the negotiations had broken down, and began putting out their version in the Soviet-controlled Berlin radio and newspapers.

Until then it was secret diplomacy at its topmost secret. Reporters were kept icily at a distance. The world public was not allowed to hear so much as a whisper of what was being discussed. And that although the future life and happiness of hundreds of millions of citizens may depend on these discussions.

Do I disapprove of this secrecy? On the contrary, I welcome it.

If these negotiations have broken down—and that is how things look to me—it is not because we did not adopt the kind of open diplomacy we went in for at the Paris peace conference of 1946.

There the delegates preferred to harangue the public gallery instead of bargaining and compromising—as they might have done had the negotiations been private. They publicly took up positions from which they could not withdraw without loss of prestige.

The Moscow talks of 1947 were not much better.

True, there was no gallery. The Press was excluded from the debates. But instead each delegation had public relations officers in attendance who gave us reporters a verbatim of what each Minister had said. So that again the conference became a hushings. No delegate was able to eat his words without his indignation showing.

Precision

I WELCOME one other departure from the previous tendencies of our postwar diplomacy shown in the technique of these Moscow discussions.

At Potsdam, just after the Socialist victory in 1945, our politicians were so anxious to bring home agreement that they were ready to accept vague, ambiguous phraseology, capable of being interpreted one way by the Russians and another way by ourselves.

They adopted the let-sleeping-dogs-lie policy, and preferred to count on goodwill rather than on good drafting.

At Moscow this time we are insisting in precision, even if it means that no agreement is reached.

The Russians put up a short draft couched in the vague generalities of their best Potsdamese. The Westerners took a look at it, then put up their own draft. This was a much longer document, and proposed in precise detail exactly how each of the controversial issues should be settled. No legalistic loopholes were left for future misunderstandings and disagreements.

It will be a great thing if this change in technique at Moscow is as significant as I believe it may be. For, if it marks the end of our postwar era of loud-mouthed, table-thumping incoherence combined with pusillanimous appeasement of our amateur Left-wing diplomatists, and the return to sober professionalism in our diplomacy, then, indeed, these

Moscow talks have done an enormous service—even if they end in failure. Most of my 20 years as a newspaper reporter have been spent in foreign countries in the study of foreign peoples and their affairs in relation to ours.

My work has constantly brought me in contact with members of our foreign service as far as the ability and integrity of its personnel are concerned. I say our foreign service is the best in the world.

The danger

BUT, in all frankness, I have noticed dangerous symptoms of deterioration during the last three years.

If this deterioration is allowed to continue—and I hope the new trend shows that it is not—it may well reduce this most important weapon in our political armoury to impotence.

Mr. Bevin's fear of offending the Left-wingers of his party has had a direct effect on the members of the foreign service. It worked out in different ways. One was this. Socialist M.P.s went travelling abroad. They visited the Iron Curtain countries. They came back with bitter Communist-inspired reproaches for our envoys there and accused them of being reactionaries incapable of understanding the progressive regimes set up in these countries.

One after another our ambassadors, Ministers, and heads of missions in these Iron Curtain States were removed from their posts and sent elsewhere.

I don't think it is surprising in the circumstances that already there are some British diplomats careful of their careers who are framing their social conduct, their despatches, and their proposals of action accordingly to what they believe will be politically most pleasing at home.

An example

IN one Iron Curtain capital I found the successor of a removed "reactionary" had ordered his staff to avoid all contact with members of the country's anti-Communist opposition.

As a consequence, in that particular capital Britain has been losing the information which the opposition could give them. The Foreign Office, Mr. Bevin, and the Cabinet have been getting an unnecessarily incomplete picture.

And by this tacit acknowledgment that any association with oppositionists is unfriendly to the Government, our liberty of political action in this country is badly curtailed.

Once our diplomats are freed from dependence on domestic politics, and have their confidence restored as non-political agents of the Crown, the next task will be to set about modernizing the conduct of our diplomatic warfare.

At present there seems to me to be a woeful lack of planning ahead. The recent Danube Conference is a case in point.

It was obvious months ago that there would be no negotiations in the ordinary sense in Belgrade, that the Soviet with a majority of seven to three would yield on no point.

An opportunity

NOW in these circumstances we should have borrowed a leaf out of the Communist book.

Our delegates should have treated the conference purely as a sounding board for political propaganda, its resonance to be augmented by the transmitters of the B.B.C.

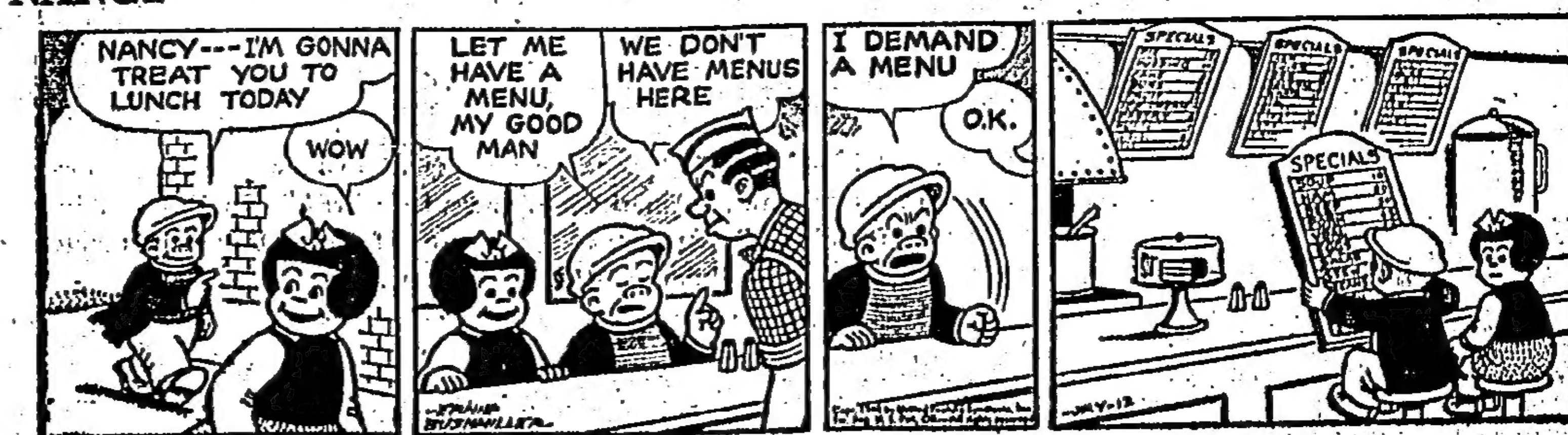
There was enough political dynamite lying around the Balkans to make Mr. Vishinsky rue the day he went to Belgrade.

But Sir Charles Penke and Mr. Cavendish Cannon, the equally able U.S. Ambassador, were instructed to treat the conference as a routine diplomatic conference. They scored a couple of neat drawing-room cracks here and there, plus a legal quibble or two.

But that did not prevent their being defeated in what could have been a great victory.

These Moscow talks, whatever their result, are ushering in a new phase in our relations with Russia. I hope they are also going to mean a new deal for our diplomacy.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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AMERICANS WIN THE DAVIS CUP

Forest Hills, Sept. 5.—The United States today kept possession of the Davis Cup when Billy Talbert and Gardner Mulloy beat Billy Sidwell and Colin Long, of Australia, 8-6, 9-7, 2-6, 7-5 in clinching the doubles match of the challenge round.

This doubles victory before 6,000 fans in the West Side tennis stadium was the third match won by the Americans in the best three of five series.

Yesterday Ted Schroeder and Frank Parker won the two opening singles matches. Tomorrow's two concluding single contests will be mere routine.

Talbert of New York and Mulloy of Miami, Florida, clinched America's 15th victory since the Davis Cup was placed in competition in 1900. They also gave the United States its seventh victory over Australia in the 13 times the two countries have met in the challenge round.

THE TARGET

Sidwell was the target for Talbert and Mulloy during most of today's play. Although the American pair unexpectedly resorted to a defensive game, most of their careful returns were aimed at Sidwell's backhand and the Australian in a white tennis cap had a difficult time of it.

Long, bespectacled, stockily-built and brown-haired, who specialises in a smashing overhead game, had less work to do. The American defensive tactics and the concentration on Sidwell caused the Australian to not 65 shots and to send 41 others outside the sideline.

Meanwhile, Talbert and Mulloy charged with 61 nets and 37 outs—not a great margin of superiority. Those figures are a true disclosure of the fact that the match was poorly played by both sides. Some experts declared that it was the worst doubles match ever seen in the Davis Cup challenge round.—United Press.

SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER

The following is the programme for the Stanley Shield Seven-a-side knock out competition, Senior Division, to be played at the Club ground, Happy Valley on the 11th & 12th September, 1948:—

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

1st Round

PCA v St. Joseph's (C) ... 3.00 p.m.
CAA v Navy (D) ... 3.30 ..
St. Joseph's (D) v Army

(A) ... 4.00 ..
WD Chinese v South

China (B) ... 4.30 ..

2nd Round

St. Joseph's (A) v Trans-

ways (A) ... 5.00 ..

CAA (B) v KMB ... 5.30 ..

South China (C) v Tai Koo

(A) ... 6.00 ..

Police (B) v Club Rugby

(2) ... 6.30 ..

RAF (A) v South China

(A) ... 7.00 ..

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Club (A) v Miniature FA 3.00 ..

Navy (A) v Kitchee ... 3.30 ..

PCA or St. Joseph's (C) v

CAA (A) or Navy (D) 4.00 ..

St. Joseph's (D) or Army

(A) v WD Chinese or

South China (B) ... 4.30 ..

Navy (C) v Club (C) ... 5.00 ..

St. Joseph's (B) v Tai Koo

(B) ... 5.30 ..

Club (B) v Club Rugby

(1) ... 6.00 ..

RAF (B) v Army (B) ... 6.30 ..

Eastern v Police (A) ... 7.00 ..

Club Secretaries are requested to

note times of kick off.

Form "B" (list of team) must be

handed to referee before match.

ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM

A friendly game will be played on the Police Ground on Tuesday September 7 at 6 p.m. between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Motor Bus.

The St. Joseph's team will be chosen from the following:—MacDougall, Brown, B. Gosono, Hsu King-seng, A. J. Hussain, R. Rocho, Leonard, Rumjahn, Manson, Toledo, M. Xavier, C. Pereira, J. Gomes, Fung, King-cheung, Joannilho, B. M. Omar, A. Santos, C. Santos.

Players to meet at the Star Ferry (Kowloon) at 5.30 p.m.

Timur Breaks Down

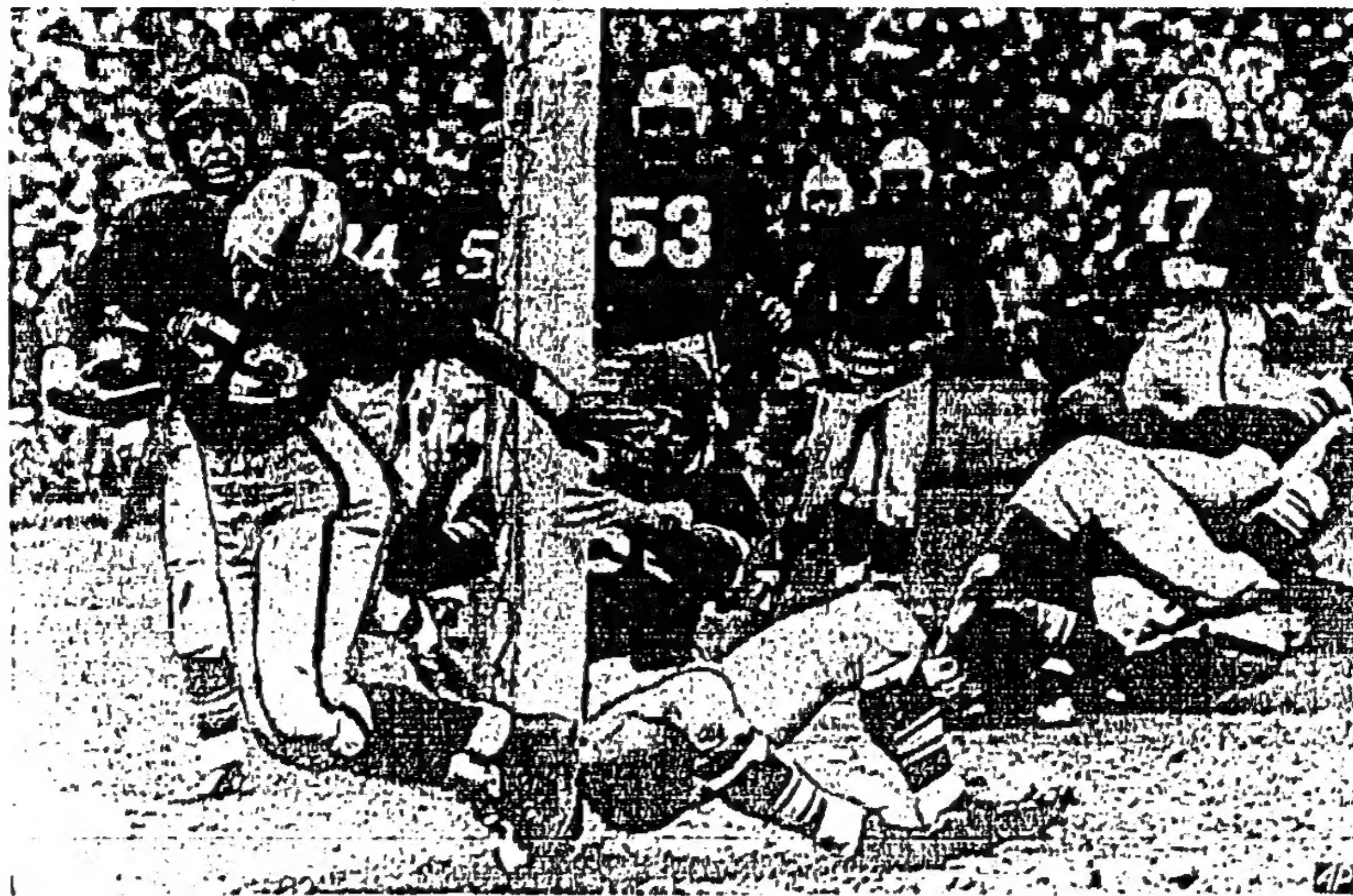
London, Sept. 5.—M. Marcel Boussac's French colt, Timur II, will not run in the Doncaster St. Leger, the jockey, Charlie Elliot, stated today.

Elliot, who was to have ridden Timur, went across to France to ride him in a gallop on Saturday but found that he had broken down.

Elliot is now without a mount in the St. Leger. An earlier statement by Timur's trainer in France, M. Semblat, said that the colt had suffered a setback in training and a decision about running him in the St. Leger would be made tomorrow.

—Reuter.

TOUCHDOWN FOR '49ERS



Hal Shoener, '49er end, skirts around the goal post for a touchdown in the second quarter after taking a lateral from Frankie Albert. Baltimore Colts' Jack Fitch rammed the goal posts trying to stop Shoener. The '49ers went on to defeat the Colts, 42 to 14 in a professional exhibition game at San Francisco.—AP Wirephoto.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENDS OUT A "NOTE PLEASE!"

British Soccer Touring Teams And Overseas Criticism

London, Sept. 5.—Overseas criticism of the conduct of British football touring teams is reported in a bulletin issued by the Football Association, which reminds clubs that "any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

The statement says that a report has been received by the Association showing that the conduct of one or two of the club teams playing in matches abroad has not reached the standard of sportsmanship that might have been expected, and it has reflected, little credit on British football.

"Much of the trouble seems to have been due to faulty refereeing," the statement continues. "Clubs are advised to press for the appointment of neutral officials in all matches against foreign sides and while it only affects a small minority of clubs they are reminded that any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

In a comment on this bulletin, connections of several Football League teams are reported to have spoken adversely of the quality of the refereeing their teams encountered in overseas matches. Mr. Dave Mangnall, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, suggested that a neutral referee, or a British one, should always be in charge of such matches.

QUITE AN EXPERIENCE

Mr. Jimmy Seed, manager of Charlton Athletic, said that his team were leading by seven goals to one in one match in Stockholm with only 20 minutes to go, and the match ended in a seven goals all.

THE ATHLETE'S DIET FAD

DR ABRAHAMS SHAKES A FINGER AT TRADITION

By "RECORDER"

The statement issued very nearly on the eve of the Olympic Games by Britain's famed authority on nutrition, Dr. Adolphe Abrahams, that it doesn't very much matter what an athlete eats so far as he eats enough of it, is rather a revolutionary one from the point of view of accepted tradition.

Every athletic trainer from the most ancient of times until today practises his own fad where diet is concerned and officials who have to check the food lists of the 50-odd teams that came to England for the Olympic Games had to encounter quite a few strange theories.

The Chinese insisted that they would be handicapped without bamboo shoots and the Mexicans made a great deal about bringing a carton of live chickens.

The idea of diet contributing to athletic prowess is as old as the hills and yet the best of nutritionists have not yet got down to agreement on what an athlete should or should not eat.

ORDEAL OF NEW CHEESE

Olympic training for the early Greeks was an ordeal of new cheese, dried figs, boiled grain milk and warm water. When the Games were just a few weeks away, the diet was cut down to cheese alone. Most modern dieticians would regard an idea like this with horror.

The Greek Olympic era was a very long one and ideas changed. It was finally decided to introduce meat and the Butchers' Guild must have become more influential with the years for in due course the cheese idea was entirely thrown aside and the Olympic flame subsisted for a long period on a diet of pork and a special kind of bread.

Then one day, after many Olympiads passed, there arrived an unheralded lad at the Olympic Stadium from some remote island of the Aegean Sea.

As the Games progressed he out-boxed and outwrestled all the opposition and as a horse of feed-footed couriers to carry the latest news to the remotest corners of the Greek world, busy correspondents rushed up with Greece-shaking news. The new world-beater dieted exclusively on goatfish. His district wasn't rich enough to support a herd of swine.

This so upset all ideas on diet that the Pork Butchers' Guild lost its hold entirely on the athletic world and an era set in when athletes experimented with everything from

A MAN CALLED MILO

Then a man called Milo made his appearance who was a firm believer in eating the same thing but necessarily a gargantuan quantity of it.

He demonstrated after winning all available laurel wreaths one day by entering the stadium with a four-year-old heifer on his back, racing around with it finally getting down to the job of devouring the heifer on his own.

Big-time sport had a lapse of several centuries before the English took it up and they had hardly got down to a diet of beef when the beef butchers made their influence felt.

Going into training in the early 19th century meant a diet of half-cooked beefsteaks and dry bread and some civil influence had it that water was dangerous.

THE THIRSTY ERA

It was believed that what a man ate and drank had a more important bearing on his ultimate success than his running or his boxing. It was set down as a standard that no athlete could have more than two pints of water a day to wash down the half-cooked meat and stale bread with.

The Thirsty Era did not last more than some two score years when someone who liked the sound of the name "Glauber" and proved to be influential enough in bruliers and pro-runners' circles had a brain-wave that caught on.

For some unhappy years athletes trained on beef, mutton, stale bread, strong beer and Glauber salts. On the taboo list were fish, vegetables, cheese, butter and eggs or just exactly the items of diet that have caught on in our own era.

BASEBALL

WILL CLEVELAND "BLOW" THE PENNANT?

Philadelphia Manager Hopeful

By JACK CUDDY

NEW YORK.

Big Al Simmons, Athletic's coach and, Connie Mack's right-hand man, declared today: "Cleveland will blow it again!"

Simmons, a carry-over from the great Philadelphia teams of the past, admitted that Cleveland—because of its schedule—should be favoured now to win the American League pennant; but he added vehemently:

"The Indians won't win it! Cleveland hasn't won a pennant since 1920. Every time it looked as though they were, they blew their chances. Something always happened. They're a blowing club. They'll blow it this time."

The gray-haired husky leaned forward dramatically and exclaimed: "Yes—and, if they don't blow it themselves, we'll make them blow it!"

A somewhat startled reporter asked if Mr. Simmons meant that the Athletics would win the pennant.

"Who's going to beat us?" challenged the guy whose booming, but leant extensively with the eagles of Mickey Cochrane, Jimmy Dykes and Jimmy Fox in 1929, 30 and '31—before the A's were "Broken up."

The reporter timidly mentioned the Boston Red Sox. "A tough club," admitted Al. "A good-hitting club. One with a good manager. But their pitching is inconsistent."

What about the Yankees? Simmons said, "They had me worried before our trip to New York. But I know now they ain't got what it takes. We proved that when we beat them in both ends of that double-header before the biggest home crowd of the year, more than 72,000."

But the Yankees beat the A's in the first two games of the New York series. "That's all. That's just it!" declared Al. "If the Yankees had the right kind of spirit at this stage of the race, they'd have moved us down in both games. The momentum of two wins over a tough club in a hard fight is a great thing if the spirit is right. It starts you on winning streaks. And you've got to have streaks to win a pennant."—United Press.

Red Sox Hold On

New York, Sept. 5.—Boston Red Sox clung to their slender half-game lead in the American League today with a 4-3 victory over Philadelphia Athletics on a dramatic tenth inning single by veteran Wally Moses.

Stepping in as pinch-hitter, 30-year-old Moses repped a base hit into center field to score Ted Williams from second base with the winning run.

Thus Red Sox remained a hair's breadth ahead in the tight race as the runner-up New York Yankees ripped Washington 5-3. Boston picked up a half game, however, on third place Cleveland when Indians were routed out at St. Louis.

Ted Williams, who doubled to set up the winning tally, was the overall Boston hitting star with four hits in five trips.

Athletics lost to Boston 4-3 despite a seventh inning homer by Hank Majeski which tied the score at 3-3 and sent the game into extra innings.

JOLTIN' JOE

Joltin Joe DiMaggio clouted his 33rd homer and also the double that started the winning rally as Yankees defeated Washington 5-3.

With two out and the score 3-3 in the sixth, DiMaggio backed away from a pitch which bounced off his bat for a double.

Yogi Berra followed with a triple and then scored himself on Phil Rizzuto's single. Joe Page, yielding one hit in three and one-third innings of relief, was winner and Sid Hudson, the loser.

Luke Appling's single with bases loaded in the last half of the ninth drove in two runs that gave Chicago White Sox a 4-3 win over Detroit. Al Gettel pitched all the way to become the winner, giving up all three Tiger runs in the eighth. Aaron Robinson homered for White Sox.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the National League, pace-making Boston Braves kept their two-game lead intact as Charley Red Barrett hurled a five-hit game to beat Philadelphia Phillies 8-1 in Boston.

Phillies' only run was a homer by Johnny Blatnik, while Boston's hitting stars were Tommy Holmes with three singles and Frank McCormick who drove in three runs with bases loaded on a double.

Brooklyn Dodgers, trailing 3-1 in the last half of the last inning, rallied for three runs to beat New York Giants 4-3 in Brooklyn and end a four-game losing streak. A walk forced in one of Dodgers' 12th inning tallies but George Shuba drove in the other two with a double. Johnny Mize hit two homers for New York.

Third-place St. Louis Cardinals staged a four-run rally with two out in the fifth inning to beat Cincinnati Reds 5-1 in Cincinnati.

Two runs walked across and Stan Musial delivered the other pair with a double. Southpaw Howie Pollet scattered five Red hits to gain his fifth win.

Chicago shook the dust of last place from their heels by routing Pittsburgh Pirates 11-3 in the second game of a doubleheader after Pirates took the opener 7-3 in Forbes Field.

Homers by Ed Walrus, Al Walker and Andy Pafko, were the big Cub blows. Rip Sewell beat Cubs in the opener as Ralph Kiner lent his support with his 37th home run.

THE SCORES

American League	R	H	E
Boston	4	14	0
Philadelphia	3	13	0
Washington	3	9	0
New York	5	7	0
Detroit	3	5	1
Chicago	4	7	1
National League	R	H	E
Chicago	9	11	0
Pittsburgh	7	9	0
Cincinnati	11	x	x
Pittsburgh	8	10	0
Philadelphia	1	5	0
Boston	8	8	1
New York	3	8	2
Brooklyn	4	9	0
St. Louis	5	7	0
Cincinnati	1	8	2

—United Press.

PARIS CYCLING

Paris, Sept. 5.—The Belgian cyclist, Albert Hendrick, won the Paris Bicycle race today, covering the 1,182-kilometre distance in the record time of 14 hours 36 minutes and 42 seconds.

The Belgian speedster covered the distance from Paris to the Naval base and return, lowering the record set last year by the Austrian, Hubert Opperman, by one hour and 23 minutes. Hendrick beat his country man, Neville, by a mere length.

Third place went to Fazio of Italy in 41 hours, 37 minutes and 40 seconds, with Tanco of France, fourth.—United Press.

American National Swimming Titles

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 5.—The Brighton Hotel team of Atlantic City took its first National AAU swimming title here today as Olympic champion, Jimmy McLane added the 800-metre free-style crown to his list of victories.

Led by Joe Verduer, who won two championships during the meet, the Brighton squad ended the day with 40 points. New Haven was second with 38 and Ohio State University third with 37.

In the finals today, Robert Nugent of New York Athletic Club led all the way to win the 100-metre free-style title in 58.5 seconds. Bill Dudley of New Orleans Athletic Club was second and Dick Thomas of Cincinnati Coca Cola Club was third.

For the fourth straight year, 17-year-old McLane won the 800-metre championship.

He beat his hottest rival, Jack Taylor, also 17, of Akron Firestone Club to win the race in 10:17.1. Forbes Norris of Harvard was third.

Verduer today added the 300-metre individual medley to the 100-metre backstroke crown he won yesterday. The Brighton Hotel star splashed his way through the race in four minutes flat.—United Press.

French Athletes Win From Czechs

Paris, Sept. 5.—A thrilling win by Emile Zatopek, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion, who finished with a terrific burst to win the 5,000 metres event by 250 yards, was the outstanding feature of an international athletics contest in which France defeated Czechoslovakia by 91 points to 77.

Running with effortless ease on a heavy track, Zatopek won in 14 minutes 28.4 seconds.—Reuter.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I told that insurance man to come back later! What could happen to a guy 25 years old, as healthy as I am?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BORN today, you are more slow and deliberate in action than many of your signs. You go forward, step by step, with considered and thoughtful intent. You are conventional in your attitudes although you can be progressively conservative once you have been persuaded that a new idea is a sound one!

You are fond of the sea as well as all outdoor life and will feel confined or restricted if forced to live permanently in a large city. Best for you to "get away from it all" at regular intervals. If you must work in a metropolis, try to live in a suburb. Or, at least, have a summer home where you can spend week-ends and your vacations. You are close to the earth in some ways, and need contact with Nature to build up your reserves of strength.

You are a firm believer in peace and harmony and will go a long way to avoid controversy. However, you will not make concessions to those who differ with you in ideas. You prefer to ignore them. But, if your opponent refuses to ignore you and give open battle, then there is no more one more consecrated to a job than you are! And you will stop at nothing to win.

Being a good organizer, you are able to take care of business matters efficiently and shrewdly. Your capabilities make it possible for you to make considerable money during your lifetime. In romance, you are an idealist and the one manner in which you can be approached against your better judgment, is through your affections. Those you love cannot do no wrong. Be sure your confidences are well placed.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Health is important; guard it. Don't be guided by impulse just now. Think carefully, before you act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—An early start will make your plans more than usually effective. If necessary to travel for business, do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Morning hours are best for business transactions. The transportation trades appear especially favoured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A trip, taken with a view to securing a better job, may bring about the results you most desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Continue the same path of progress begun yesterday. Exert caution if called upon for business expansion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Self-control is one of the best methods of averting a wrong decision on something very important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A new plan, started with the approval of the boss, should elicit one hundred percent if launched efficiently.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An unexpected downfall—perhaps a legacy. Be diplomatic in dealing with members of the opposite sex.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A new job, begun today, can offer excellent opportunities. An interview with those in-charge should bring benefits.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Cultural and intellectual pursuits will get fine results just now. Concentrate on some new idea; develop it.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Recognition of your past efforts may bring you the much-desired promotion or new job with better prospects.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you need the okay from a superior on some new project, get it at once and start the job. A good day.

AROUND THE WORLD:

A Delightful Italian Town

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE proof markings on a weapon which we were examining indicated Brescia as the place of manufacture. Immediately this brought to mind a picture of that most delightful old town, southwest of beautiful Lake Garda, a town, since the Middle Ages, has, like Pistoia, been manufacturing weapons.

Brescia, which, as Brizia, was flourishing Roman colony, is an almost rectangular town, bounded on three sides by a canal, along one of which a main trolley line runs, with branches bisecting from east to west, and north and southwest which makes for easy getting around.

Work of Art

Brescia has one of the most beautiful public squares in the world a true work of art that is refreshing to the mind and spirit, even in retrospect.

The Piazza di Loggia is the centre of the town and of the life of the people. La Loggia is built of various marbles in early Renaissance style, and was begun in 1492, with the best architects, sculptors and painters of that time contributing to make it a typical work of art.

At the northwest corner commanding Brescia, and so ideal for military purposes, is the castle. Situated on a hill, it is surrounded by walls with towers at the corners, and an overhanging top, a fine example, we were told, of 14th century building. South of the castle is the remains of a temple of Hercules, erected in 52 A.D. A broad flight of sixteen steps leads up to the entrance. Still standing are the lower portions of 16 columns that form a colonnade. In the building are three rooms which contain real treasures, including the famous bronze statue, "La Vittoria" excavated late in the 19th century.

Not far off is another museum, this one devoted to treasures and objects ecclesiastical, a collection that has brought scholars, artists and architects from all over the world.

Roman Forum

Beyond the museum, surrounded by houses on three sides is the Ruine del Foro Romano. All that remains of the once huge Roman Forum is an arch, some columns and mouldings, with part of the wall. A really amazing building is the Rotonda, the old cathedral which consists of three parts—the old circular



The town of Brescia dates from the Middle Ages.

church, the crypt and the presbytery. The Rotonda is now below the level of the road, so the doorway opening onto it is not used. Instead it is entered by 23 steps downward from the adjoining new cathedral, with its a huge circular building, with three arches on either side.

The new cathedral is a magnificent edifice with the largest dome in Italy. In the square in front is a beautiful fountain with the allegorical figure of the armed woman, who fought with their men for the preservation of their homes during the many and constant sieges and battles that, through the centuries, have added about the place.

Until Brescia passed under Venetian rule in the 15th century, she had been sacked by Goths, Huns and Lombards, and during some of the battles, women, and even children, fought with citizen soldiers on the ramparts. This history, together with the arsenal and the various arms plants has given Brescia a militant air and atmosphere. But, to offset this, Brescia is rich in churches, some of which are truly architectural and artistic gems, rich in paintings, frescoes and carvings.

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10.15 Programme Summary: 6.01. "Jam Session"; 6.30. Hospital Request; 7.00. "Music Hall" presented by Philip Dunn and Alan Russell (Studio); 7.20. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.30. World and Home News (London Relay); 7.45. "Linda" (Clerk) (Studio); 8.00. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 8.15. "Like a Lion" (Studio); 8.30. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 8.45. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 9.00. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 9.15. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 9.30. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 9.45. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 10.00. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 10.15. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 10.30. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 10.45. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 11.00. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 11.15. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 11.30. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 11.45. "A Play" (A Nice Cup of Tea) (Studio); 12.00. 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U.S. Visitors To Palestine Have Narrow Escape

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 5.—American Congressman, Mr. L. Somers, and Yale Professor Fowler Harper disclosed today that they narrowly escaped death yesterday when they were subjected to mortar shelling by the Egyptians during a tour of the front lines in southern Palestine.

Mr. Somers told a Press conference that a heavy mortar shell landed near their jeep while it was parked on the Negev road facing the Egyptian lines. None was injured. The party was accompanied by Mr. Lloyd Ackerblom, of Philadelphia, United Nations observer.

Royalty Assembles In Amsterdam

Amsterdam, Sept. 5.—Princess Margaret landed at the Schiphol airport at 5 p.m. today and rode in a car through cheering thousands to Amstel Hotel where she will live during her visit as special representative of the British throne at the investiture of Queen Juliana.

At the airport, she was greeted by the British Ambassador and Dutch officials. She and her suite have the first floor, on the north wing of the Amstel Hotel, but her own room is one where the late King Alfonso of Spain stayed in pre-war visits.

With her came the Duke of Beaufort, Countess Halifax, and Wing Commander Peter Townsend. Also in the suite are the Earl and Countess Athlone, who as Governor-General of Canada, were Queen Juliana's hosts in Ottawa during the war years.

CORDONED OFF

The Dutch police cordoned off the airport and the hotel's entrance. There were no detectives conspicuous in her suite.

Princess Margaret wore an apricot coloured coat and hat with beige shoes, gloves and bag. Floodlit Amstel Hotel is ready for tomorrow's ceremony. The other wing on the first floor is reserved for the Swedish Crown Prince Gustav Adolf and Princess Louise, the second floor will be occupied by Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway, and the third floor will be occupied by Prince Axel and Princess Margaretha of Denmark.

The rooms above Princess Margaret's apartments are occupied by the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, 27-year-old Prince Jean who arrived today.—United Press.

SITUATION OBSCURE

Bangkok, Sept. 5.—Obscurity still overshadows the situation in Tenasserim where Karen insurgents aided by Burma Union military police last week overran two districts and occupied the towns of Moulmein and Thabon. Both the Government and the Karen National Union (KNU) headquarters in Raungun are awaiting the return from Moulmein of KNU President Saw Ba U Gyi who flew there on Saturday for negotiations.

KNU headquarters expect him to return on Monday with a report. Meanwhile, scores of Burmese are evacuating their growing delta areas of southern Burma for Raungun. This influx to Raungun is worsening an already acute shortage of accommodation and raising local market prices.

ON OTHER FRONTS

On other Burmese fronts, Saturday's official communiqué said the situation in Mandalay district was returning to normal but in the adjacent Schwebo district, five insurgents were killed in an encounter with Government troops.

Further east at Monywa, on the Chindwin River, Government forces met Red Flag Communists in a four-hour battle killing 14 and capturing 10.

At Pathe further north Communist rebels have imposed taxation upon villages, the communiqué said. It added a two-hour fight took place when insurgents attacked a police station in the Magway district south of Mandalay.

Three rebels were killed, the rest retreating and carrying away their wounded.—Associated Press.

Moscow Students Protest

London, Sept. 5.—Students of Moscow University have sent a letter to students of Oklahoma University in the United States protesting against the alleged barring of a negro girl from the law school of the University, Radio Moscow said today.

A Tass dispatch, heard by the Soviet monitor in London reported the Moscow students wrote: "We cannot conceive of national inequality or oppression in our country," which is "one friendly family".—United Press.

LONG-LIMBED BEAUTY



INFLATION DEFEATS PROHIBITION

New Delhi, India, Sept. 5.—The promise that Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his closest associates made to Mohandas K. Gandhi may not be kept.

Before Gandhi was assassinated he asked Nehru to introduce the prohibition of all alcoholic drinks throughout the nation as soon as possible. Gandhi hoped that peasants and workers would buy rice and curries for their families instead of drinks for themselves. The campaign began orally.

Some bars during last year were ordered to shut down by the Nationalist Government. It looked much like the watered down version of the American prohibition. Soaring prices, however, have made the government reluctant to enforce its non-alcoholic policy.

The nation normally gets \$1,000,000 annually in liquor taxes. If complete prohibition is imposed this money would be spent on other commodities, thus increasing demand and forcing economic experts and business leaders to tell Mr. Nehru that the nation could not afford the luxury of prohibition. The drinking population believes that some bars may be opened soon. They feel sure that no more bars will be ordered to close—at least not until the inflation scare ends.—United Press.

Bevin To Attend Paris Parleys

London, Sept. 5.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will head the British delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, opening on September 21, but pressure of work will probably compel him to hand over to Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, after the opening stages, the Foreign Office stated today.

The other delegates will be Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney General, Mr. W. G. Hall, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations.—Reuter.

OPEN AIR EXHIBITION



Large crowds went to Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, to see the opening of the Open Air Painters' Exhibition. The idea for the exhibition, which shows the work of living painters, came following the success of the Sculpture Exhibition in Battersea Park, London. Some of the crowds looking at the exhibits at the Open Air Painting Exhibition at Victoria Embankment Gardens, London.

Chief Tony White Cloud, five feet, three inches tall, boards a chair in order to crown Marie Van Luere "Queen of Height, 1948." Winner in Chicago's Tall Clubs National Contest is six feet, one-and-one-half inches tall.

JAPAN TO BE RE-ARMED?

Tokyo, Sept. 5.—Speculation that Japan would be permitted to re-arm if the international situation continued to worsen has increased in Tokyo as a result of General MacArthur's recent statement that the country had become "an asset upon which the free world may confidently count."

Commenting on General MacArthur's statement, the newspaper Chūka Nippon said today that although Japan's existence might be considered as a stronghold for the peace of the Orient, it was a matter of course that mobilisation of its military potentiality should be limited to emergency cases.

The newspaper suggested that the country's military potentiality should be relied upon when only as a last resort.

The paper Shin Yura said that although the situation in Japan was settled temporarily it could well be foreseen that political trouble would occur as soon as the Occupation Forces withdrew.

MENACE OF COMMUNISM

The menace of Communists in a country which has no army to defend itself should be keenly felt. "Japan finds herself in a position to ponder seriously over her future course and her connection with all of East Asia," the paper added.

"The fact that Japan must exist without self-defence makes the problems which confront us more difficult and perplexing."

These are the first published comments on the possibility of Japanese rearmament since reports of 18 months ago that Japan hoped to be granted an army of about 100,000, a small navy and an air force for local defence.—Reuter.

GOVT. LEADERS AT VARIANCE

Athens, Sept. 5.—The possibility of a Government crisis loomed today as party leaders were at odds over the selection of the personnel for a Greek delegation to the United Nations.

The Right Wing Populist leader, M. Constantinos Tsaldaris was understood to be insisting upon the leadership of the delegation in view of his position as Foreign Minister.

The Liberal leader, M. Sophocles Venizelos, was pressing for a Liberal party representation while Premier Themistocles Sofoulis, also a leading Liberal, indicated that he would participate only as a delegation chief.

M. Venizelos demanded the Liberals to withdraw from the present coalition Government unless they are represented in the UNO group.

Meanwhile a flurry of 24-hour token strikes were scheduled for next week in Athens and Piraeus by gas, rubber, textile and paper workers.—United Press.

U.S. MARITIME STRIKE

President Truman Is Powerless To Act

Washington, Sept. 5.—The West Coast maritime strike is a major milestone in the unfolding history of United States labour law. It is a test of the Government's power under the Taft-Hartley Act.

This is the first case in which a strike has taken place after the exhaustion of the "national emergency" procedures of the Act.

An 80-day "cooling off period" expired on Thursday. An anti-strike injunction was dismissed, and the strike began.

President Harry Truman told his new conference he was powerless to do anything further to stop the strike except through negotiations. Actually there is one more step to be taken under the national emergency provision of the law. The President is supposed to send a report to Congress recommending "appropriate action."

But this step means little in the present case because Congress is not in session and isn't scheduled to be until January.

UNFAIR PRACTICE

Under a different section of the law, however, Mr. Robert N. Denham, General Counsel of the National Labour Relations Board, can formally charge a union or an employer with an unfair labour practice. He then can seek a temporary injunction to block the alleged unfair practice pending a decision by the five-man NLRB.

Mr. Denham has accused the CIO Longshoremen's Union of unfair labour practices in seeking to continue its hiring halls. The hiring halls are places where the Union signs up job applicants and furnishes them in rotation to the employers as needed.

Mr. Denham says these hiring halls violate the Taft-Hartley Act because they favour members of the Union. Similar hiring halls on the great lakes have already been ruled illegal by the NLRB. Since the hiring halls comprise one of the issues in the West Coast dispute, Mr. Denham presumably could, if he chose, ask for an injunction to halt the walkout.

Whether the Denham office will choose to use its authority is another question. If the dispute were over wages only, Mr. Denham would have no authority to seek an injunction.—Associated Press.

TRUCKERS TO STRIKE

New York, Sept. 5.—The "largest truck drivers' union in New Jersey" voted unanimously today to strike at midnight against "all employers who have not signed contracts on the Union's terms by that hour."

The stoppage by New Jersey drivers, coupled with the five-day-old strike of almost 10,000 New York truckers, is expected to reduce seriously food and other shipments in the metropolitan area. Since tomorrow (Monday) is a holiday, the full extent of the State walkout will not be felt until Tuesday.

Some 3,500 of the 4,700 members of Local 478 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will join the walkout at Newark, New Jersey. The other 1,200 already are covered by contracts.

Estimates of the total number of truckers who may be involved in the strike ranged upward to 20,000.

The President of Local 478 warned, as members met to vote for the strike: It might take four, five or six weeks to get this thing straightened out. I point this out to you so you will be fully aware of what this thing means."

However, he also said optimistically that he expected some of the employers to sign contracts by tonight. "Only signed trucks will roll," he declared.—United Press.

GRAIN FOR EXPORT

Washington, Sept. 5.—The Department of Agriculture announced an allocation of 45,200,000 bushels of grain for export in October, November and December including 107,581,000 bushels of wheat and flour.—Associated Press.

American Vice-Consul Recalled

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 5.—An official announcement published in Sofia newspapers today said that Mr. Donald F. Ewing, American Vice-Consul in Sofia, was recalled from his post after the Bulgarian authorities found him engaged in espionage.

The announcement said that Mr. Ewing was trapped on a Sofia street while getting "important espionage information from two Bulgarians." It said the United States Minister, Donald Reid Keith, was advised of Ewing's activities and had him recalled.

Sofia newspapers carried the announcement under the headline: "American Diplomat Caught in Espionage."

The statement said "The opposition group of Nikola Petkov" had given Ewing "information of military, economic and political character representing state secrets."

SECOND INCIDENT

(This is the second incident of an American diplomatic officer being accused of espionage in an "iron curtain" country since the United States State Department requested the recall of Jacob M. Lomakin, Soviet Consul General in New York, because of his conduct in the case of a "kidnapped" Russian school teacher. Lieut. Robert Dreher, former assistant United States Naval Attaché in Moscow, was accused of obtaining secret information from a Soviet Customs officer. Soviet newspapers said he was recalled after being caught "red handed.")

Tanjug, official Yugoslav news agency, reported that Mr. Ewing was expelled from Bulgaria in July "for his spy activity," according to dispatches received in Prague.—United Press.

Crash Victims Buried At Sea

Valetta, Malta, Sept. 5.—Seven bodies, which were recovered from the Royal Air Force Lancaster which crashed in flames on Monte Cristo Island in the Mediterranean yesterday, were buried at sea with full military honours today from the aircraft carrier Triumph.

One of those killed, Engineer D. G. Reygate, was to have sailed for Britain today in the liner Empress of Australia which called here on her homeward voyage.

A Seaforce fighter piloted by Lieutenant-Commander Pridham-Whippell from the Triumph sighted the wreckage of the Lancaster earlier today after a search by naval units, including the American aircraft carrier Kearns and seven American destroyers.

The plane, one of six Malta-based Lancasters, took off on Friday night for exercises with American naval units in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

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